

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 13 through 15 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please amend Claims 11 and 12 as follows:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) An observation optical apparatus for observing an image through an erecting optical system, said apparatus; comprising:

~~an objective system;~~

~~an eyepiece system;~~

~~an erecting system for reflecting a light beam from said objective system and directing the light beam to said eyepiece system so that an image observed by said eyepiece system is in an erect state, said erecting system including a first prism provided with a surface of incidence and a second prism provided with a surface of emission;~~

~~a correction optical system constituted as a part of said objective system, said correction system correcting a shake of an image caused by a shake of said observation optical apparatus;~~

~~a sensor for detecting the a shake of said observation optical apparatus; and~~

~~a correction system for correcting a shake of the image due to the shake of said apparatus, in accordance with an output from said sensor,~~

wherein said erecting optical system includes first and second prisms.

~~a driver for driving said correction optical system;~~

~~a detector for detecting a drive amount of said correction optical system; and~~

a controller for controlling the driving of said driver based on an output from said sensor and an output from said detector.

12. (Currently Amended) An observation optical apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said correction optical system comprises a shake correction optical element which is arranged on the light incidence side ~~is disposed ahead side~~ of said erecting optical system.

13-15. (Cancelled)